

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Southern District of Ohio



In the Matter of the Search of  
(Briefly describe the property to be searched  
or identify the person by name and address)  
Priority Mail Package with Tracking Number  
9505 5100 5356 4155 6197 40  
Postmarked June 3, 2024

Case No. 3:24-mj-00331

## APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

Priority Mail Package, 9505 5100 5356 4155 6197 40, addressed to "NELLiE THELUS", 1122 N. Limestone St., Springfield, OH, 45503, with a return address of "WIDNA BLANFORT", 4615 Monterey Circle Unit 2, Las Vegas NV 89 located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

Controlled Substances, materials and documents reflecting the possible distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails, including money and/or monetary instruments paid for controlled substances

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section	Offense Description
21 USC 841(a)(1)	Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.
21 USC 846	Conspiracy to distribute/possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance
21 USC 843(b)	Use of a communication facility to commit a felony

The application is based on these facts:  
SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.
- ☐ Delayed notice of \_\_\_\_\_ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: \_\_\_\_\_) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

*Sean C. Humphrey*  
Applicant's signature

Sean C. Humphrey, USPS Task Force Officer  
Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (specify reliable electronic means).

Date: June 5, 2024

City and state: Dayton, OH

*Caroline H. Gentry*  
Caroline H. Gentry  
United States Magistrate Judge



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF:  
PRIORITY MAIL  
PACKAGE WITH TRACKING NUMBER  
**9505 5100 5356 4155 6197 40**

Case No. 3:24-mj-00331

**Filed Under Seal**

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF**  
**AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, **Sean C. Humphrey**, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I, Detective Sean C. Humphrey, am employed by the Dayton Police Department and have been since July 2008. I have previously been assigned to Patrol Operations and am currently assigned to the Narcotics Bureau - Montgomery County Regional Agencies Narcotics and Gun Enforcement (RANGE) Task Force. I have extensive prior experience in investigating drug cases that resulted in successful prosecution of persons involved in trafficking of drugs, possession of drugs and other related offenses. I have been involved in narcotics related arrests, executed search warrants that resulted in the seizure of narcotics and participated in undercover narcotics purchases. Through training and experience, I am familiar with the way persons involved in the illicit distribution and sales of controlled substances often operate. These subjects usually attempt to conceal their identities, the locations at which they reside, where they store controlled substances, and the illegal proceeds derived from the sale of controlled substances. Through training and experience, I am familiar with the practices of narcotics distributors and sellers, whereby they attempt to conceal the true nature, source, and location of proceeds of illegal activity, commonly referred to as money laundering. I have been a Task Force Officer with the United States Postal Inspection Service since November 2022. I am

presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, Pittsburgh Division, with investigative responsibility for the Southern District of Ohio. Part of my responsibility involves investigating the illicit use of the United States Mails in the transportation of narcotics, other dangerous controlled substances, and financial proceeds from, or instrumentalities used in, the sale of such narcotics and controlled substances (hereinafter, “Drugs and/or Proceeds”).

2. Based on my prior training and experience as a Task Force Officer with the United States Postal Inspection Service, I have become aware that drug traffickers frequently use United States Priority Mail Express (overnight) or Priority Mail (2-3-day) to transport Drugs and/or Proceeds. Additionally, because of my prior investigations, law enforcement training, and successful controlled-substance prosecutions involving use of the United States Mail, I have learned of certain common characteristics and/or circumstances that indicate a particular package may contain Drugs and/or Proceeds. These circumstances and/or characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: the mailer uses different post offices on the same day to send packages, the return address is false or non-existent, the addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery address, the package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, the labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors emanate from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

3. On June 5, 2024, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service intercepted a package (hereinafter “the Package”) at the Cincinnati Network and Distribution Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Package is a box bearing USPS Priority Mail tracking number 9505 5100 5356 4155 6197 40, mailed from Post Office 89119, located in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was postmarked June 3, 2024, with the following address information:

**Sender:** WIDNA BLANFORT  
4615 MONTEREY CIRCLE  
UNIT 2 LAS VEGAS  
NEVADA 89169

**Addressee:** NELLiE THELUS  
1122 N LIMESTONE  
ST, SPRINGFIELD  
OHIO 45503

Through training and experience as a Task Force Officer with U.S. Postal Inspection Service, I know that Las Vegas, Nevada has been long known to be a drug source location.

4. I performed a check in CLEAR for the recipient's information listed on the Package: "NELLiE THELUS, 1122 N LIMESTONE ST, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45503." CLEAR is a law enforcement database that is used as a tool for investigators to identify persons/businesses and associated address information. According to CLEAR, there is no "NELLie THELUS" associated with 1122 N. Limestone St., Springfield OH, 45503.

5. I performed a check in CLEAR for the sender's information listed on the Package: "WIDNA BLANFORT, 4615 MONTEREY CIRCLE, UNIT 2 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89169." According to CLEAR, there is a "WIDNA BLANFORT" associated with 4615 Monterey Circle Unit 2, Las Vegas, NV, 89169. Based on my prior experience as a Task Force Officer with United States Postal Inspection Service I know that sometimes those that traffic in narcotics will utilize legitimate unsuspecting persons' names on packages to make the package appear less suspicious.

6. On June 5, 2024, at the request of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office K9 Detective Tony Hutson conducted a narcotics-detection canine "free air" check of the outside of the Package. An Inspector/Task Force Officer was

present during said check. Prior to conducting the “free air” check, the Package was placed in a room with multiple similar and like packages. As set forth in the attached affidavit of K9 Detective Hutson, “Hank” alerted positively for the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance exuding from the Package. “Hank” is single-purpose trained and certified narcotics-detection canine.

7. Based on my law enforcement training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, the Package’s address information, including failure to provide full and accurate information for the recipient address, the positive alert of the narcotics-detection canine, and the Package being sent from a known drug source location via Priority Mail are all indicative of and consistent with Drugs and/or Proceeds being present in the Package.

Therefore, a search warrant to open the Package is requested.

Further, your affiant sayeth naught.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sean C. Humphrey*

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Task Force Officer

United States Postal Inspection Service

Subscribed and sworn to by reliable electronic means (telephone) before me this 5th day of June, 2024.

  
Caroline H. Gentry  
United States Magistrate Judge





UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

OFFICER AFFIDAVIT

I, Officer Anthony Hutson, am and have been employed by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office since 1998. Among other duties, I am currently the assigned handler of narcotics detection canine "HANK" which is trained and certified in the detection of the presence or odor of narcotics described as follows:

Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and Heroin and derivatives

On 6/5/24, at the request of Postal Inspector TFO Humphrey, I responded to the DAYTON P&DC, where "HANK" did alert to and indicate upon: [describe item]

USPS Priority Mail Tracking # 9505 5100 5356 4155 6197 40

TO: NELLIE THELUS

1122 N LIMESTONE  
ST, SPRINGFIELD  
OHIO 45503

FROM: WIDNA BLANFORT

4615 MONTEREY CIRCLE  
UNIT 2 LAS VEGAS  
NEVADA 89169

Which, based upon my training and experience and that of "HANK", indicates there is contained within or upon the above described item, the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance.

Du ghu 101 6-5-24  
(Signature, Badge #, and Date)

SL 28312 6/5/24  
(Witness/Date)

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